17th December 1956]

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Merkanam Firka Depressed Classes League Conference held at Siruvadi village on 22nd April 1956 regarding—

(i) the assignment of house-sites to them;

(ii) desilting the drinking-water tank in Siruvadi village; and

(iii) the opening of a District Board Elementary school in that village?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : No, Sir. A copy of the resolution passed by the Merkanam Firka Depressed Classes League Conference on 23rd April 1956 has however been received by the Collector of South Arcot.

Reorganization of divisions in the city

* 352 Q.—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any orders to stay the action taken by the Corporation of Madras for reorganizing the divisions in the city; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals were received on the eve of the general elections to the Corporation Council in August-September 1955. As they involved amendments to the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, and as there was hardly time to enact the necessary legislation, it was considered that the matter should be deferred and the conduct of elections to the Council proceeded with on the basis of the existing territorial divisions of the city.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : The proposals were submitted as early as August 1955 when the elections to the Corporation Council were held. Now that there are two more years to go for the next elections to be held, will the Government think of bringing legislation so as to incorporate the amendments?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI : Yes, Sir, Government have a proposal to bring in necessary amendments to the Act in the coming session of the legislature.